We claim:

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- 1. A herbicidal composition comprising
- a) one or more herbicidal active substances,
- b) one or more surfactants other than silicone surfactants, and
- c) one or more humectants.
- 2. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 1, comprising, as component a), a sulfonylurea.
- 3. A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 1, additionally comprising one or more further components from the group consisting of agrochemical active substances, additives conventionally used in the art of crop protection, and formulation auxiliaries.
- 4. A method of controlling harmful plants, wherein the herbicidal composition defined as in claim 1 is applied pre-emergence, post-emergence or pre- and post-emergence to the plants, plant parts, plant seeds or the area on which the plants grow, for example the area under cultivation.
- Method according to claim 4 for selectively controlling harmful plants in plant crops.
- 6. The use of the herbicidal composition as defined in claim 1 for controlling harmful plants.
- 7. A method of controlling Bromus plants, wherein the herbicidal composition defined as in claim 9 is applied pre-emergence, post-emergence or pre- and post-emergence to the plants, plant parts, plant seeds or the area on which the plants grow, for example the area under cultivation.
- 8. Method according to claim 7 for selectively controlling Bromus plants in plant

9. The use of a herbicidal composition comprising at least one compound of the formula (II') and/or its salts

in which  $R^1$  is CO-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy),  $R^2$  is CH<sub>2</sub>-NHR<sup>e</sup>, where  $R^e$  is an acyl radical, preferably C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulfonyl,  $R^3$  is H or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl,

- X and Y independently of one another are identical or different and are  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylthiom where each of the three abovementioned radicals is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more radicals selected from the group consisting of halogen,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy and  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkylthio, or a  $C_3$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkynyl,  $C_3$ - $C_6$ -alkenyloxy or  $C_3$ - $C_6$ -alkynyloxy, preferably  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy, and
- Z is CH or N, for controlling Bromus plants.
- 10. The use as claimed in claim 9, wherein the herbicidal composition additionally comprises b) one or more surfactants other than silicone surfactants and/or c) one or more humectants.
- 11. The use as claimed in claim 9, wherein the herbicidal composition additionally comprises one or more further agrochemical active substances.
- 12. A method for the preparation of a herbicidal composition defined as in claim 1, wherein components a), b) and c) are mixed.
- 13. A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein component a), b) and c) are mixed by the tank mix method.